Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that 'Blitz' is one of the foremost Weeklies in India?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes, Sir.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—As a citizen of India and as an Editor of an important Weekly, has he no right to criticise the policy of the Government?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question.

Education and Health Cesses collected in the Corporation area.

Q.—244. Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN (Ulsoor).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the amount of education and health cesses collected every year in Corporation area (details may be given since 1942 to 1952);

(*b*) the amount that is spent every year towards the improvement of health and education in the Corporation area;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the sanitation has gone down in the Corporation area because of want of funds?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Information is being collected.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—In answer to my question, it is stated that information is being collected. Will the Chair be pleased to direct.:

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I will give you the information. In 1951-52, the Health Cess collected was 1.15 lakhs and in 1952-53, it was 9.68 lakhs. The Education Cess collected in 1951-52 was 9.9 lakhs and in 1952-53 it was 10 lakhs.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—What is the amount that you are giving to the Corporation out of the amount collected?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Out of these collections, nothing is earmarked for the Corporation. But there are other channels by which the Corporation gets financial assistance from the Government.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Which is the agency which collects this amount?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member happens to be a Corporator and he should know.

Flat rate imposed for house lights where meters are not fixed.

Q.—290. Sri R. MUNISWAMIAH (Bangalore North — Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the profit calculated by imposing flat rate of Rs. 2-4-0 for house lights where the meters are not fixed;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that many users of electric lights are disconnecting the electricity from their houses;

(*c*) whether it would mean much inconvenience to the utilisers;

(*d*) the inconveniences if the previous rates and arrangements are continued;

(*e*) how many houses were disconnected since its inception?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The question of profit does not arise since in most of the flat rate installations misuse of power was observed actually resulting in loss to Government.

(*b*) Some of the flat rate installations are under disconnection after the abolition of this system.

(*c*) This is a mateer of opinion. The additional facilities available after the imposition of minimum charges more than compensate the increase in the minimum.

(*d*) The department will stand to lose revenue.

(*e*) 738.

Sri R. MUNISWAMIAH.—I have no supplementary questions to ask.